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1. In 1946, construction was started at the Budapest-Ferihegy (Q 48/H 61) airfield. The field was rarely used in the fall of 1949. On 5 May 1950, Maszovlet Airlines was transferred from Dudacors airfield to this field. It was opened for civilian air traffic a few days later.
2. The runway was covered with concrete about 20 to 25 cm thick. The concrete slabs were about 6 x 10 Meters, and the joints were filled with tar. There was a hangar with 16 doors which had a capacity for 12 LI-2s. Red spotlights, about 10 to 15 meters apart, were on both sides of the runway. Two searchlights mounted on trucks illuminated the runway during night flying. Aircraft coming in to land at the field had to approach from the directions of Cinkota (Q 48/H 62), about 13 km east of Budapest; Matyasfoeld (Q 48/H 62), about 10 km east of Budapest; Ferihegy, about 12 km southeast of Budapest; and Vecses (Q 48/H 61), about 13 km southeast of Budapest.
3. A guard detail of about 40 men of the Hungarian State Security Police (AVH) with Senior Lieutenant Szanto (fnu) as commander was stationed at the field. The guards wore green service color and were armed with rifles and submachine guns. The customs detail at the field numbered about eight to ten men. \*

25X1A \* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. For detailed sketches of airfield and buildings see Annexes 1 - 9. The sketches furnish a detailed picture of the installations at Budapest-Ferihegy airfield which is the most modern field of the Hungarian capital. The sketches are believed to be correct. The shapes of the buildings were confirmed by photographs in Hungarian periodicals. The information that Maszovlet Airlines was transferred on 5 May 1950 was confirmed by Szabad Nep on 4 April 1950. According to the same newspaper, Ferihegy airfield was officially opened on 3 August 1950. The runway is about 2,300 meters long.

9 Annexes: Sketches on ditto.

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